

Date

Ms. Tia T. Barbera, CPA
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Re: Board Docket No. 2016-671

Dear Ms. Barbera:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its August 19, 2016 meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the Assumption Parish Recreation District #2 from contracting with LeBlanc Brothers Ready Mix, Inc. while one of the Recreation District Board members, Lance Sanchez's mother, Janet Sanchez owns twenty five percent of LeBlanc Brothers Ready Mix.

The Board concluded, and instructed me to advise you, that under the specific circumstances presented above, La. R.S. 42:1113B would prohibit LeBlanc Brothers Ready Mix from bidding on or entering into a contract with the Assumption Parish Recreation District #2. La. R.S. 42:1113B provides that an appointed member of any board or commission, member of his immediate family, or legal entity in which he has a substantial economic interest, shall bid on or enter into or be **in any way interested** in any contract, subcontract or other transaction which is under the supervision or jurisdiction of the agency of such appointed member. Since Janet Sanchez, the immediate family member of appointed board member Lance Sanchez, owns 25 percent of LeBlanc Brothers Ready Mix she would be "in any way interested" in the contract between Assumption Parish Recreation District #2 and LeBlanc Brothers Ready.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or laws other than Code of Governmental Ethics. If you have any questions, please contact me at (225) 219-5600 or (800) 842-6630.

Sincerely,
LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Suzanne Quinlan Mooney
For the Board

cc. Janet Sanchez
cc. Lance Sanchez